No Objection Certificates for Improvement of Slums on Government land

481. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has been trying since 1976 to obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from various Union Ministries for carrying out improvement work in slums situated on Central Government Lands; and

(b) if so, how many Union Ministries have issued 'No Objection Certificate' and what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) In May, 1978, it was, inter-alia, decided that the Government of Maharashtra might provide basic amenities in such of the slums which are located on Central Government lands not required immediately by the land-owning Central Ministries/Departments, after obtaining a 'no objection certificate' from them.

On request from the State Government each individual case is to be decided by the land-owning Ministry/ Department, on its merits. As per the information received from the State Government, Bombay Port Trust, Central Public Works Department, Airport Authority of India and Army have already given no objection for providing the basic amenities to 2901 huts-ments.

Financial crisis in Steel Authority of India

482. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Times of India' of January 30, 1987 under the caption 'SAIL heading for financial crisis', if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that SAIL's inventory of plates has shot up beyond expectations and there are no buyes for it; and

(c) if so, what steps SAIL has proposed to liquidate these stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. SAIL had targeted to earn a profit of Rs. 160.13 crores during 1986-87 but due to lower production, change in its product-mix and increase in the cost of various inputs, SAIL except to make a lower profit this year.

(b) As on 1.2.1987 stocks of plates with SAIL had mounted upto 3.525 lakh tonnes as against 2.395 lakh tonnes on 1-4-1986.

(c) Export contracts for 40,000 tonnes of plates have been concluded and another lot of 10,000 tonnes is under consideration. Out of the contracted quantity, approximately 20,000 tonnes have been shipped. SAIL is also exploring possibility of selling the plates as rerollables and supply plates against valid import licences.

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पीने के पानी की आपूर्ति

483. श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था करने के लिये कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) वर्ष 1990 तक भारत के कितने गांवों में पीने के पानी की सुविधायें प्रदान किये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामानन्द यादव (क) पीने के पानी की आपूर्ति करन राज्य का विषय है । राज्य क्षेत्र के न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अन्त त